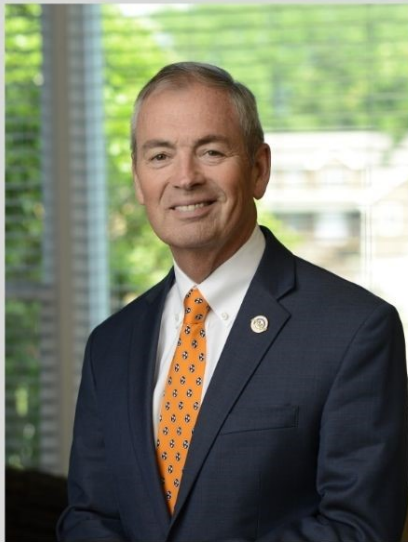




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THE COUNTY CONNECTION

A Monthly Newsletter from Mayor Randall Hutto
Mt. Juliet | Lebanon | Watertown



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A Word from Mayor Hutto...

There's no place like home for the holidays, and here in Wilson County, we'll have plenty of festivities to enjoy throughout the season. In many ways, our county reminds me of Santa's village when it comes to this time of year, mostly because we're all working together for the good of others. During the hustle and bustle of each holiday season, local groups work to ensure that the basic needs of others are met. Like elves, we all want to ensure that children have a gift to open on Christmas morning. By working together, we can make sure that those in need are taken care of this Christmas. Throughout this newsletter, you will read about the groups and organizations who are in need of volunteers and donations. You will also read about the FREE upcoming community events, such as the annual Christmas parades and Lebanon's "Tis the Season Weekend Extravaganza." We may not be at the North Pole, but here in Wilson County, we sure can get into the holiday spirit. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randall Hutto".

Commissioner Spotlight: Glenn Denton District 20



Contact INFORMATION

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Lebanon, TN 37087

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Wilson County LANDFILL

Winter Hours

MONDAYS - FRIDAYS
7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

ALL LOADS MUST BE
CHECKED INTO THE
SCALE HOUSE BY
2:30 P.M.

CLOSED SATURDAYS

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8TH ANNUAL MT. JULIET B.P.A.C CHRISTMAS LIGHTS WALK

🎀 MONDAY, DECEMBER 5TH 🎀

COME & JOIN US!

The Packard Family Strings will perform a selection of Christmas music starting at 6 p.m. The walking tour will begin at 6:30 pm and cover sections of the Willoughby Station subdivision. The walk will last between 1 and 2 hours, and the Mt. Juliet Police Department will escort walkers.

BRING
FLASHLIGHT

FREE
EVENT

6:00 P.M.
START

THE SWIMMING POOL PARKING LOT
IN WILLOUGHBY STATION



REFRESHMENTS WILL BE
SERVED.

HELP OUR OFFICE MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS CHRISTMAS!

'Tis the season of giving, and my office and I are committed to helping the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt to make a difference for children this Christmas. The Leadership Middle TN Class of 2023 is working on just that! We can help too, and it's so easy! LMT and the hospital created an Amazon wish list with toys that are pre-approved as safe and appropriate for their young patients. Now through December 5th, simply go to the link below, select an item, and place it in your cart. When ordering, select "LMT Service Project" as the shipping address and the order will go straight to the LMT storage unit and then delivered to the hospital.

Let's help make a difference for children in the hospital this Christmas! See the link or QR code on the flyer below to navigate to the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital Amazon wish list.

Countless organizations are working around the clock this holiday season! If you would like to donate your time, money, or a gift to another local cause, be sure to take a look through this month's newsletter! You can also visit www.wilsonhelps.org/christmas to learn more about the organizations in our area. We appreciate your support!



December 11
International Children's Day

December 16
National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

December 24
Christmas Eve

December 25
Christmas Day

December 31
New Year's Eve

Safe Toys & Gifts Month

The flyer features a blue background with white snowflakes. At the top is the Leadership Middle Tennessee logo, which includes a stylized orange flame above the text "LEADERSHIP MIDDLE TENNESSEE". Below this, it says "CLASS OF 2023" in white. The main title "HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE" is in large, bold, red letters. Underneath, it says "FOR MONROE CARELL JR. CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AT VANDERBILT" in white. The bottom section contains three images: a young girl holding a stuffed animal, a group of people standing in front of a building, and a young girl in a hospital bed holding a stuffed animal. To the left of the images, it says "GIFT DRIVE DATES: NOV. 8TH THROUGH DEC. 5TH" in red and white. To the right is a QR code. At the bottom center is the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt logo, which includes a red stylized figure above the text "Monroe Carell Jr. children's Hospital at Vanderbilt".

Shop and support with us at <https://amzn.to/3FTceGp?r=qr>

WILSON RIDES, INC. RECEIVES BIG CHECK

The first-ever fundraiser event to benefit Wilson Rides was quite a success! The Sips n' Sounds fundraiser was held in September at Rural Hill Farm, with musical entertainment provided by Marla Cannon-Goodman, Ava Paige, and Tiffany Turner. It was a night filled with fun and all for a good cause!

Wilson Rides, Inc. is a volunteer based non-profit organization that focuses on providing transportation services for senior adults. By reducing isolation, the non-profit helps seniors stay connected, reduces burdens on caretakers and gives older adults a sense of purpose and meaning in life - something to look forward to!

On November 15th, the Mt. Juliet Breakfast Rotary presented a sixteen thousand dollar check to Wilson Rides, Inc. These funds came from the Sips n' Sounds event. Way to go Wilson Rides, Inc.! We appreciate everyone involved in making the event possible, as well as the generous donors!



WISHING G.C. HIXSON A HAPPY RETIREMENT!

Last month's County Commission was a special one! For one thing, Wilson County Promotions made a special presentation before the meeting and brought fair-themed refreshments (*Thank you WilCo Promotions!*). For another, the commission recognized a truly exceptional gentleman - Mr. G.C. Hixson. The County Commission read and presented a resolution in honor of his work and dedication to our community. G.C. plans to retire this month after a successful career, much of it focusing on our county and its people. Since 2005, G.C. served as the Executive Director of the Joint Economic & Community Development Board. During his career, G.C. was responsible for business marketing and prospecting to attract new businesses and industries to Wilson County. Prior to his tenure as Executive Director, G.C. served in numerous positions with State government including the departments of Revenue, Transportation, and Economic and Community Development where he oversaw the operations of the department's domestic marketing staff. G.C. has many professional achievements, but perhaps the greatest achievement is his family. G.C. and his wife, Stella, have two boys, Cory (Susan) and Clay (Kelly) along with four granddaughters and two grandsons. Throughout his career, G.C. demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity in his role as Executive Director, thus winning the respect and admiration of his colleagues and the citizens of Wilson County. We wish G.C. a very happy retirement as he begins this new adventure!



GC Hixson at Cuntly Commission Meeting on Nov. 21,2022



Mayor Hutto (left) and G.C. Hixson (right) pictured in early November 2022





Mayor Hutto
OUT AND ABOUT
ON VETERANS DAY



Applications available until December 2nd

Applications can be found at:



WILSONCOCFA.ORG

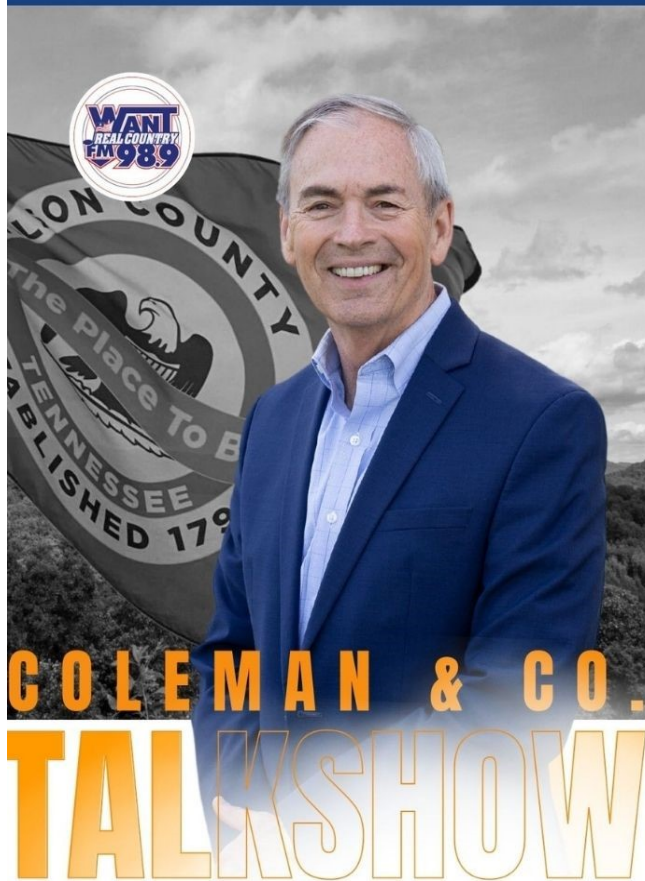
DHS OFFICE 155 LEGENDS DR LEBANON

EMAIL APPLICATIONS TO: INFO@WILSONCOCFA.COM



★ CHILDREN MUST BE 13 YRS AND YOUNGER TO BE ELIGIBLE





**For more information,
FAQs and/or to purchase a
plate, visit**

wilsonridesinc.org/product/license-plate/



Historic Lebanon Square • December 3-5, 2021

ROCKWOOD HOST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Rockwood Sustainable Solutions is pleased to announce the “Merry Mulching” initiative is back again for the 5th consecutive year providing Wilson County residents a convenient way to recycle, for free, live Christmas trees.

Beginning December 25 through January 10, 2023, residents are invited to participate in “Merry Mulching” by dropping off their live Christmas trees in the designated recycling bin placed at the entrance of the Rockwood property located at 510 Hartman Drive in Lebanon, Tenn. All decorations, including lights, ornaments and tinsel must be removed from the tree prior to being placed in the recycling bin. The bin is accessible seven days a week, 24 hours a day. All lights must be removed but a separate bin will be onsite for the collection and recycling of Christmas lights.

“We are honored to partner with Mayor Hutto and Wilson County to provide our neighbors free live Christmas tree recycling” said Lincoln Young, CEO of Rockwood Sustainable Solutions. “This is our fifth consecutive year to offer this service, and we are amplifying our efforts this year with the launch of the ‘Merry Mulching’ initiative, encouraging every live tree owner in Wilson County to recycle.”

Once processed by Rockwood, the recycled live trees will become landscaping mulch used to beautify, and enrich the soil at, commercial and residential properties across Wilson County. Wilson Farmer’s Coop is the local retailer of Rockwood’s range of mulch offerings. In addition to the environmental benefits of recycling live Christmas trees, doing so is much safer than breaking down and burning a live tree in a residential fireplace. Rockwood will also make a monetary donation to the Wilson County FCA for each tree recycled during the “Merry Mulching” initiative.



MERRY MULCHING

LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

DEC. 25 – JAN. 10

510 HARTMAN DRIVE - LEBANON, TN 37087

PLACE LIVE TREE IN BIN LOCATED AT ENTRANCE
NO DECORATIONS • NO LIGHTS • NO TINSEL

FINANCIAL DONATION TO WILSON COUNTY FCA FOR EACH RECYCLED TREE
MORE INFO AT ROCKWOODRECYCLING.COM

Announcing Winners of the 2022 Chalk It Up! Art Fest

submitted by Susan Shaw

CUCAC had a great chalk art contest in October which ended with a runoff contest for the top 5 virtual chalk art finalists on October 30th. Artists from around Wilson County gathered at Cumberland University in front of Memorial Hall to draw their chalk art. They were individuals, teams, and even a Cub Scout Pack! Photos of the artwork will be framed and hung in the County Courthouse hall near the Trustees Office after New Year's. Please take a look when you come to the Courthouse!

Congratulations to the winners!

- 1st Place
Sara Besse, "Butterfly Girl"
- 2nd Place
Christy Dedeluk, "Pumpkin and Candy Corn"
- 3rd Place
Giggles & Chalk team, "Charlie Brown Christmas"
- 4th Place
Cub Scout Pack 495 team, "Scout Logos"
- 5th Place
Cameron Bryan, "Corpse Bride"

CUCAC is the Cumberland University Community Arts Council. Susan Shaw heads the Chalk Art Committee along with members Rusty Richardson, Candace Partee, Judy Sullivan, Judy Lea, Kim Parks, Bob Black and with support from Daniela Dorantes.

Home for the Holidays

2022 LEBANON CHRISTMAS PARADE
DECEMBER 4TH, 2022 AT 2:00 P.M.



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WILSON COUNTY**
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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Wilson County

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- October 8, 2022
- January 7, 2023
- April 8, 2023
- July 8, 2023

I'M DREAMING OF A
Golden Christmas Parade
Dec. 10th, 2022
11 AM
FOR MORE INFO
WWW.MJPARKSANDREC.ORG

50 YEARS
1972-2022



GET INVOLVED TODAY!

Are you looking for a way to become a part of or give back to your community? Are you looking for a way to get involved? Do you have a youth group or team looking for volunteer hours? Consider joining our valued family of volunteers!

**SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WAYS
YOU CAN VOLUNTEER WITH MCCAA TODAY!**





Saturday, December 3, 2022

Christmas Parade 3:00 p.m.

(Starts at Round Lick Church)

Santa in the Gazebo!

(After the completion of the parade)

Troubadourian Christmas

2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

(2 performances. Original character walk written and produced by the WHS Purple Tiger Theatre)

Christmas Tree

Lighting Ceremony 5:00 p.m.

(Watertown Square. Hot Cocoa and Caroling)

Live Music

Watertown Community Choir 4:30 p.m.

Hard Redemption 5:00 p.m.

Ugly Sweater Union 6:00 p.m.

(Christmas Cover Band)



Eat, Drink, & Be Merry!

**Wilson Warriors
Annual Veterans Breakfast**

December 3rd 7:30AM - 10AM

WILSON COUNTY VETERANS PLAZA

**304 East Main Street
Lebanon, TN 37087**

**FREE ADMISSION
- DONATIONS ACCEPTED -**

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CHRISTMAS
DISCOUNTED TICKETS
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(\$30 at the gate)**

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of Christmas**



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Channels 198 and 398.**



DTCSM TV



ANGEL TREE

This year we are adopting a local family for Christmas.

PICK A GIFT TAG MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Now Thru Dec 16

*Each tag is a wish that you can make come true.
Take one. Shop. Return.
That's all you have to do!*

1. Pick a Tag and Sign it out
2. Return the gift with Tag attached by Dec 16
3. Sign our Christmas Card to the Adopted Family

Questions? Email Nichol at nteague@lebanontn.org
Or call: 615/453-4545 ext. 6104

Family nominated by Joseph's Storehouse Ministries



**JOSEPH'S
STOREHOUSE**



Volunteer to be Santa's Little Helper

Are you in need of service hours?

Want to help your community?

Are you a stay at home mom or retired?

We need volunteers for:



Office Support



Organizing toys



Shop from our selection of toys for the children



Distribute the gifts

SIGN UP TODAY!

wilsoncocfa.org/volunteers

DM us on our Facebook page



*Volunteers must be 14 years and older.



*Silver bells, silver bells...
it's Christmas time in
Wilson County!*

*We wish you all a Merry
Christmas & Happy New Year!*

Wilson Co. Government Offices and Landfill will be closed on Friday, December 23 & Monday, December 26 in observance of the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day holidays. Offices and the Landfill will also be closed on Friday, December 30 & Monday, January 2 in observance of the New Year. Wilson County Convenience Centers will be closed December 24-25 and December 31-January 1, 2023.